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Sept. 21, 1960

Pvt. John R. Birdwell, RA 14 721 973
Co. B. 5th. Batt., 5th Trng. Rgt.
Fort Jackson, South Carolina

Dear John:

I am sure you are wondering what I am doing writing you. But I heard that you really enjoyed getting mail and having been away from home in similar circumstances I know what it is to hear from anybody.

Sam Smith and I are in the middle of this red-hot ~~junior~~ junior league football. He is slowly discovering that he is doing more work on it than I am but I hope he doesn't ever find how much more he is doing! I will have to say that Smith surprised me as a coach. Our team may win a few games.

Tech really does have a good ball club this time. I am sure you already know that they beat a tough U. of Louisville team. That means that they may be able to go all the way without a loss. A good test will be this coming Saturday night when they play Memphis State.

I suppose you are getting adjusted to Army life, if such a thing is possible. Let me remind you of your duty to God and the Church. No matter what our situation is, there is always a way we can express our obedience to the Lord. Certainly, though not in some loud, sporty, hypocritical manner but in living Christianity, being determined to allow nothing to stand between us and what is right. We send you are best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

John Allen Chalk